

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 400

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CURRICULA: Provides relative to required physical activity for students

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:17.1(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:264, relative to required  
3 physical activity for students; to require public schools to provide at least sixty  
4 minutes of physical activity each school day for students in kindergarten through  
5 grade eight; to require instruction in physical education as a prerequisite to high  
6 school graduation; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:17.1(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:264 is  
9 hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §17.1. Required physical activity in schools

11 A.(1) ~~Effective for the 2004-2005 school year and thereafter, each~~ Each  
12 public elementary school that includes any of the grades kindergarten through ~~six~~  
13 eight shall provide at least ~~thirty~~ sixty minutes each school day of quality moderate  
14 to vigorous physical activity for students.

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16 §264. Physical education; required instruction

17 Notwithstanding any rule or regulation to the contrary, all public high schools  
18 shall give instruction in a course in physical education as a prerequisite to  
19 graduation. Such instruction shall be given in accordance with the course of study  
20 prescribed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and shall be

- 1       equal to four units of credit. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
2       Education shall prescribe suitable teaching materials for the instruction.  
3       Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009; if vetoed by the governor  
4       and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
5       2009, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.
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### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires public schools to provide at least 60 minutes of physical activity each school day for students in kindergarten through eighth grade and requires instruction in physical education as a prerequisite to high school graduation.

Present law requires each public elementary school that includes any of the grades kindergarten through six to provide at least 30 minutes each school day of quality moderate to vigorous physical activity for students. Requires each such school annually to report to its board on the compliance with present law and further requires the school board annually to report to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) on such compliance.

Proposed law retains present law but increases the amount of time required for such activity each school day from at least 30 minutes to at least 60 minutes and makes the requirement applicable to seventh and eighth grade students.

Proposed law further requires each public high school to give instruction in physical education, as a prerequisite to graduation, which shall be equal to four units of credit. Requires that such instruction be given in accordance with BESE rules and requires BESE to prescribe suitable teaching materials for the instruction.

Effective July 1, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 17:17.1(A)(1); Adds R.S. 17:264)